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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2001,
entry of the following Amendments and Remarks is respectfully
requested. A response to the Office Action was originally due
July 23, 2001. Applicants submit herewith a Petition of
Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to the Office
Action for three months, until October 23, 2001. Accordingly,
this Response is being timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please insert the following paragraph in place of the
paragraph at page 1, line 2 to 8.

The present application is a continuation-in-
part of United States Serial No. 08/947,794 filed
October 8, 1997 and issued as U.S. Patent 5,849,510,